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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31ST MAY 2026

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SM SUNDAY MESSAGE

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding.



We are familiar with St Patrick's clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful? How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit bring us close to the Father? How can we respond to God's love for us?

ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS | 3RD JUNE

Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwangi. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and his murder of an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book," and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually sodomised by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured. Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth.



ST BONIFACE, BISHOP | 5TH JUNE

Saint Boniface, originally named Wynfrith, was born in Devon and educated in monasteries at Exeter and Nursling. In 718, Pope Gregory II renamed him Boniface and sent him to spread Christianity in Germany. He became Bishop of Mainz and established or restored dioceses across Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. Later, he helped reform the Frankish church with King Pepin the Short. In his seventies, while evangelizing Friesland, he was killed on 5 June 754. Buried at Fulda, he is remembered as the "apostle of Germany."

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with the parish office by 5pm on a Wednesday. Please email bulletin@seaham-catholics.org.uk



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY



That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Leo PP. XIV

SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE THAT BURNS AT THE SANCTUARY IS FOR

Peter Robinson
at St. Mary Magdalen's

George & Betty Firth
& **Kathleen Marshall**
at St. Cuthbert's

Living and DFM of the Burns
& **Temple Families**
at St. Joseph's

BONUS BALL WINNER

at St Joseph's

23rd May
JJ Ward

35



at St Mary Magdalen's

24th May
Number: 154
Price: £50

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bet Foley who has died. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Finan who has died, his Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's on Friday 12th June at 10:00am. **REQUIESCANT IN PACE.**

RETIRING COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND - WITH THANKS

Thank you to all who contributed to the retiring collection last weekend for the diocesan **Lay Training Fund (LTF)**. St Mary Magdalen's raised £146,81, St Cuthbert's £161.53 and St Joseph's £226.10

BONUS BALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S

There are two bonus balls on offer to purchase at St. Joseph's. Balls 20 and 42 are now available. Please see Brenda Williamson for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Mass is a very important prayer, we are encouraged to attend Masses both on Sundays and weekdays, and to offer Mass intentions not just for our dead friends and family members, also for our friends and family members who are poorly and struggling, for peace in our families and the world, and for various intentions. Please note, St. Joseph's are running very low on Mass intentions at the moment, so if you request a Mass it will likely be said very quickly at St. Joseph's. Mass Envelopes are available at the back of all three Churches.

FINANCE MEETING

There will be finance council meeting on Friday June 5th at St. Mary Magdalen's Parish hall, all representatives are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Next weekend we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ). On this feast we invite all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion to come forward and renew their commitments.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Places are still available for those who would like to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome in October 2027. The details of the pilgrimage and how to book can be found on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome-assisi/>

SEA SUNDAY 2026

Sea Sunday is on 12th July 2026. We are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris (formerly, the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating the diamond anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 12th June. We congratulate Bishop Seamus and pray for him.

NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The next National Eucharistic Congress will be celebrated in London on 10th and 11th October 2026. As part of the celebration there will be a Eucharistic procession between Westminster and Southwark Cathedrals. Recognising the challenge of travelling to London and staying over, we are encouraged as a local church to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on that weekend so that we can all unite in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

BIBLES AT ST. CUTHBERT'S

The new RE curriculum at St. Cuthbert's will begin in September, following the Bishop's request that all schools adopt the new resources. As a result, the school is no longer able to use its current Bibles with the updated curriculum. While some copies have been retained for classroom libraries, many are now available and in excellent condition. Please feel free to take one. Any donations you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated and will go towards supporting prayer resources within the school.

✠ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES ✠

A = Anniversary | **(LD)** = Lately Deceased | **(DFM)** = Deceased Family Members

	St Mary Magdalen's SEAHAM HARBOUR	St Cuthbert's NEW SEAHAM	St. Joseph's MURTON
Saturday 30th May <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 10:30am MASS Billy McCourt Jr <i>Confessions after Mass</i>	4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i> 4:30pm VIGIL MASS Robert Middleton & DFM	
Sunday 31st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9:30am MASS Rebekah & Ruth Jackson <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Bet Foley <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>
Monday 1st June <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i>		8:45am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:30am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 2nd June <i>St Marcellinus & Peter</i>	9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Rebekah Jackson		
Wed 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>		9:30am MASS Carol Ann Groark	10:00am MASS Michael Finan
Thurs 4th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Private Intention		
Friday 5th June <i>St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</i>			10:00am Bet Foley
Saturday 6th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> CORPUS CHRISTI	10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 10:30am MASS Private Intention <i>Confessions after Mass</i>	4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i> 4:30pm VIGIL MASS Gwynneth Timlin	
Sunday 7th June CORPUS CHRISTI	9:30am MASS John Carrigan <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Michael Finan <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>

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